

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet assembly, comprising:

an outer case including two laterally spaced side walls and a top wall interconnecting the two side walls, a front edge portion of each of the side walls being bent inwardly so as to define a first and a second front face portion and a front edge portion of the top wall being bent inwardly so as to define a third front face portion;

an upper front reinforcing member for increasing the structural rigidity of the outer case, the upper front reinforcing member being secured to the first and the second front face portion and the third front face portion;

a lower front reinforcing member for increasing the structural rigidity of the outer case, the lower front reinforcing member being secured to the first and the second front face portion; and

means for securing said reinforcing members to the outer case,

wherein the refrigerator cabinet assembly is devoid of welded portions,

the refrigerator cabinet assembly further comprising a first and a second reinforcing bracket, wherein the first and the second reinforcing bracket are secured to the first and the second front face portion, the first and the second reinforcing bracket being interposed between the first and the second front face portion and the upper reinforcing member.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, further comprising a first and a second lower side reinforcing member, wherein a rear edge portion of each of the side walls is bent inwardly so as to define a first and a second rear face portion, and each of the first and the second lower side reinforcing member is members are secured to the first and the second front face portion and the first and the second rear face portion.

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, further comprising A refrigerator cabinet assembly, comprising:

an outer case including two laterally spaced side walls and a top wall interconnecting the two side walls, a front edge portion of each of the side walls being bent inwardly so as to define a first and a second front face portion and a front edge portion of the top wall being bent inwardly so as to define a third front face portion;

an upper front reinforcing member for increasing the structural rigidity of the outer case, the upper front reinforcing member being secured to the first and the second front face portion and the third front face portion;

a lower front reinforcing member for increasing the structural rigidity of the outer case, the lower front reinforcing member being secured to the first and the second front face portion; and

means for securing said reinforcing members to the outer case,

wherein the refrigerator cabinet assembly is devoid of welded portions,

the refrigerator cabinet assembly further comprising an upper and a lower rear

reinforcing member, wherein a rear edge portion of each of the side walls is bent inwardly so as to define a first and a second rear face portion, and each of the upper and the lower rear reinforcing ~~member is~~ members are secured to the first and the second rear face portion.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, wherein the securing means are self-drilling screws.

Claim 8 (original): The refrigerator cabinet assembly of claim 1, wherein the outer case is a pre-coated metal plate.

Claim 9 (canceled)